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Some experiences of using IPCRECLASS

In general, the system does what it needs to do. However, it is sometimes frustrating to use, since it responds slowly and is cumbersome to operate. Here are some detailed comments:

1. The system is irritatingly slow. It often takes 30-45 seconds to process a saved classification picture, and it's not possible to start on a new family while the system is saving. The filtering process and the display of the roll-down menus are also irritatingly slow.

2. The system requires a lot of needless clicking and inputting, which gets very tiring when inputting a long series of families:

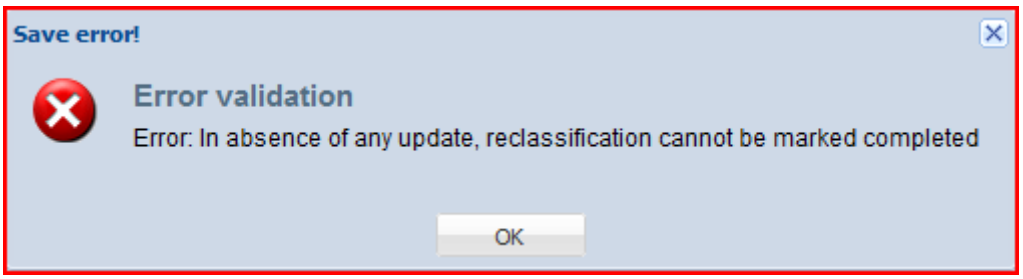
2.1. When entering a new symbol the user will in almost all cases want to give the classification in the complete IPC. This should be the default value, like "Blank" is the default value for "Position", and should not require the user to use the mouse to roll down a menu and make a selection.

2. 2. When entering a new symbol the user will in more than 90 % of the cases want to give the classification as invention information. Again, this should be the default value, and should not require the user to make a selection.

2.3. As an alternative to defaults as above, it should at least be possible to jump to the different boxes with tab-stops and simply enter the letters "a/c/s", "f/l/ " or "i/n".

2.4. The extra verification popup at confirmation is unnecessary.

4. It is impossible to mark a reclassification as completed if it results in confirmation of a symbol that will be kept unchanged and which will not get a new version indicator, such as G01S 5/14:



Since there is thus no way of removing families from the working list it gets impossibly cumbersome to handle lists of several dozens of families running over several pages. I believe that we now always change the version indicator when the file scope changes, so hopefully this is a problem that only occurs with old reclassification projects. However, as long as such old projects are still in the system this is a bug that must be fixed.

5. When keeping the same classification symbol and only updating the version indicator the user has to first deactivate the old symbol and save, then enter the same symbol that was just deactivated and its accompanying data and save again. This is a cumbersome

procedure and it should be possible to simply update the version number in one single operation.

6. The "Help" file isn't actually a user's manual for how to perform reclassification, it's a system description including absolutely everything, even operations that aren't allowed for ordinary users. It is way too big and should be cut down to the necessities.

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